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DAREDEVIL

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DAREDEVIL
stories

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YOU'VE BEEN A GIRL
LONG ENOUGH, JOE!
I WANNA TRY THE WIG
ON! TAKE IT OFF—HEY,
IT WON'T COME OFF—
MAYBE IT'S REAL!

MAYBE
JOE IS A
GIRL!

FOR MY
GOODNESS'
SAKES, LET GO!
IT WON'T COME
OFF BECAUSE
IT'S GLUED
ON!

DID YOU HEAR THAT? SHE
FORGOT TO DISGUISE HER
VOICE. IF SHE'S A BOY
THEN I'M A MONKEY'S
UNCLE!

SURE,
WE'LL HELP
YOU OFF
WITH YOUR
DISGUISE—
ULPI!

A
GIRL??

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THE COMIC MAGAZINES THAT
DARED TO BE DIFFERENT

are SWEEPING the COUNTRY!

DAREDEVIL
DID IT FIRST!!

AND NOW, SINCE THE LITTLE
WEE GUY'S HAVE APPEARED, WE
HAVE EVEN MORE POPULAR THEM
BEFORE, WATCH FOR SHIFTER
IN A BIGGER ISSUE OF DAREDEVIL.

THEY ARE GOING TO GET YOU!

NOW, WE WELCOME YOU
TO ANOTHER DARING DAY...

SMASH HIT OF OUR DAY...

"CRIME"

DOES NOT PAY!
LIKE BOY, THIS FIRST BOOK
OF ITS KIND WILL HAVE
IMITATORS — AND LIKE
DAREDEVIL, IT WILL EASILY
OUTDISTANCE ALL RIVALS FOR
CRIME DOES NOT PAY
HAS TAKEN ITS DEFINITE
PLACE IN THE ANNALS OF
MAGAZINE ENTERTAINMENT AS...
ONE OF THE
BIG THREE!!

REBUSTER
IS THE LEAD
SOLDIERS OF
FORTRESS
ARE BACK
IN THIS
ISSUE.

NUMBER,
WE YOU THE
MOST FOR
CRIME!

LET'S FACE IT!

A CHAMPION IN
ANY SPORT WILL
HAVE IMITATORS
GALORE! OTHERS
WILL COPY HIS
STYLE, BUT THEY
WON'T BECOME
CHAMPS! WHAT
MAKES THE
CHAMPION GREAT
IS HIS NEW
APPROACH AND
FRESH STYLE, BUT
MOST OF ALL, HIS
ORIGINALITY!

CRIME AIN'T PAYIN'
OFF LATELY
COMICS

DO NO
PAY
COMICS

CRIME DOESN'T
PAY ENOUGH!
COMICS

CRIME almost never wins!
COMICS

CRIME WON'T PAY
COMICS

TRUE BLUE CRIME
COMICS

WHAT A CRIME
COMICS

of course,
CRIME DOESN'T PAY
COMICS

CRIME WILL
NOT PAY
COMICS

CRIME does not pay!
COMICS

WE'RE NOT KIDDING WHEN WE SAY, "C'MON, IMITATORS", AS LONG AS
YOU STAY SECOND BEST, WHICH IS AS THINGS ARE, ACCORDING TO
THE COUNTLESS THOUSANDS OF LETTERS WE'VE RECEIVED — WE
REPEAT, PUHLEEZE, DON'T CONFUSE CRIME DOES NOT PAY
WITH ANY OTHER MAGAZINE — ANYWAY, WE DON'T SEE HOW YOU COULD!

DAREDEVIL

and the LITTLE WISE GUYS

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT,
DAREDEVIL! NO ONE
SANE COULD BE THAT
EGOTISTICAL!

I HAD A HARD TIME
BELIEVING IT MYSELF!
THE GUY EITHER DOESN'T
LIKE LIVING OR HE THINKS
HE'S THE ONLY
SURGEON IN
THE WORLD!

ALL RIGHT—
THEN GET OUT!
CARSON, YOU
TAKE OVER! DO
AS I TELL
YOU!

NORMAN
MAURER



I'M SORRY
DR. MENDER! I
WANT NO PART
OF IT! I CAN'T
GO ON WITH IT!
IT'S PLAIN
MURDER!

Story by
CHARLES BIRO

THIS IS A STORY ABOUT A MAN! THE FACT THAT HE HAPPENS TO BE A DOCTOR, IS A COINCIDENCE! HAD HE BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY OTHER FIELD OF WORK, THIS STORY PERHAPS MAY HAVE HAD A DIFFERENT BACKGROUND, BUT NEVERTHELESS WOULD HAVE OCCURRED—MAYBE WITH A DIFFERENT CAST IN A DIFFERENT LOCALE!

A MAN'S BRAIN IS A PHYSICAL ORGAN OF HIS ANATOMY; THEREFORE, IT IS CERTAINLY AS SUSCEPTIBLE TO AILMENT AS ANY OTHER ORGAN! THE TRAGEDY WHEN THAT OCCURS IS ESPECIALLY PITIFUL WHEN THE AILMENT IS BEYOND PSYCHIATRIC CURE! UNLIKE MOST ILLNESSES, IT IS NOT VISIBLE, SUCH AS A SWOLLEN JAW FROM A TOOTHACHE, OR A SKIN RASH! PEOPLE MAY UNKNOWNLY CONTINUE TO TRUST THE JUDGMENT OF THE UNHAPPY INDIVIDUAL, BECAUSE OF THE DEEP RESPECT THEY HOLD FOR HIS EARLIER PERFORMANCES!

THIS STORY IN NO WAY INTENDS TO EXPRESS ANYTHING BUT THE HIGHEST ESTEEM FOR ONE OF MANKIND'S MOST GLORIOUS PROFESSIONS. NEITHER DOES IT INTEND FOR THE READER TO INFER THAT THE AGE OF THE INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO IN THIS STORY WAS THE CAUSE OF HIS INEFFICIENCY! THIS IS AN ISOLATED INSTANCE AND VERY RARE! I HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED KNOWING ANOTHER CASE LIKE IT, AND I HOPE I NEVER WILL!

Charles Biro

THEY WERE THE
TOUGHEST BUNCH
OF BRUISERS WE
EVER FACED! HOW
DID YOU LIKE THE
GAME, D.D.?

I WAS SORRY
TO SEE IT END! THE
SEASON'S OVER! HOW
COME YOU BOYS ARE
STILL PLAYING
FOOTBALL?

OH, OH,
OUR LIGHTS
WENT OUT!
GOT ANY
SPARE FUSES,
JOCK?

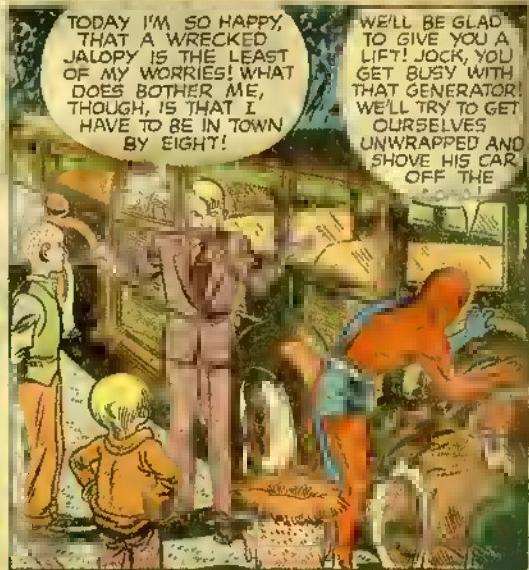
OH, DARN! IT'S
NOT THE FUSE—
IT'S A LOOSE
GENERATOR
CONNECTION! IT'S
HAPPENED BEFORE!
STOP THE CAR—
I'LL FIX IT IN A
JIFFY!

THIS ISN'T THE BEST PLACE IN THE
WORLD TO PARK! I DON'T SUPPOSE
YOU HAVE A SEARCH LIGHT? I

OH, GEE, I
FORGOT ABOUT
THE EMERGENCY
BRAKE! IT DOESN'T
ALWAYS HOLD!
CURLY, JAM
ON THE FOOT
FRAKE! GET
UP FRONT,
QUICK!

WELL, FIRST OF
ALL, IT WAS A POST
SEASON GAME! THEN
THEY POSTPONED IT
THREE TIMES! WE WERE
SUPPOSED TO PLAY
IT NEW YEAR'S
DAY!





I'M REALLY UP AGAINST IT! SURE, I'M HAPPY ABOUT MY WIFE, BUT I CAN'T ESCAPE FROM A BIGGER PROBLEM—THE CAUSE OF HER NEAR-DEATH! I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! SOMETHING HAS GOT TO BE DONE TO PROTECT OTHERS BUT WHY SHOULD I BOTHER WITH PROBLEMS?

MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO TALK IT OUT! LOTS OF TIMES IT HELPS TO TALK OVER A PROBLEM!

SURE, IT'S GOOD TO LET OFF STEAM WHEN YOU'RE BOtherED! IT'LL DO YOU GOOD!

MAYBE IT WILL BUT IT WON'T MAKE SENSE UNLESS I START FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!

GO AHEAD! I THINK WE'D ALL LIKE TO HEAR THE WHOLE STORY!

THREE DAYS AGO, I CALLED MY WIFE FROM MY OFFICE!

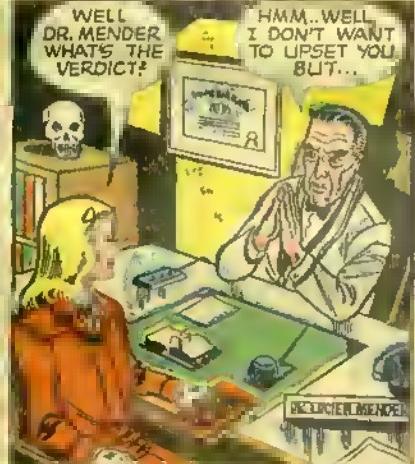


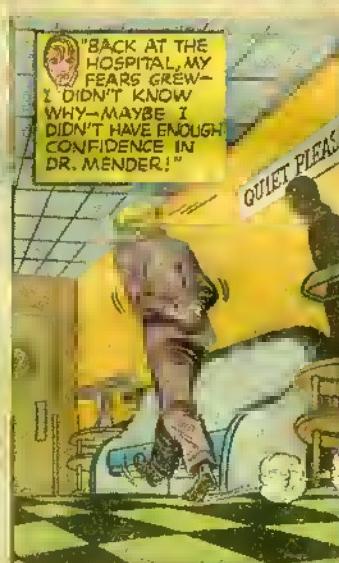
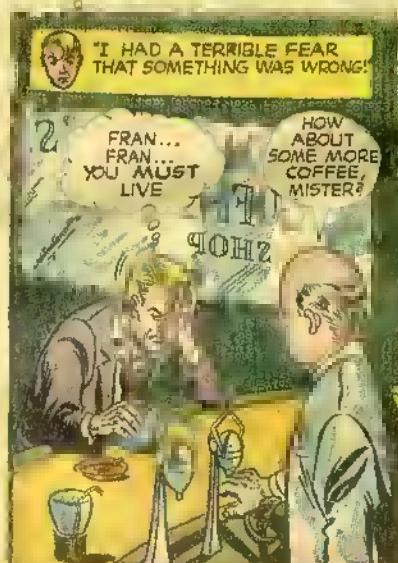
HIYA, HONEY! HAPPY DAY BEFORE ANNIVERSARY! I WAS ABLE TO SNARE SPEC TICKETS FOR THE HIT MUSICAL, "ALL THE KING'S HORSES" TOMORROW NIGHT! LET'S DO IT UP BROWN THIS YEAR! I'LL CALL SHERMAN AT THE CLUB FOR LATER, OKAY?

OH, DON, DARLING, I'D LOVE IT, EXCEPT FOR ONE THING—I'VE BEEN FEELING ILL ALL DAY! I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT'S WRONG, BUT I FEEL AWFULLY STRANGE!



"BECAUSE WE WERE NEW IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, I TOOK HER TO A LOCAL DOCTOR! I HAD PASSED HIS SHINGLE A FEW TIMES ON MY WAY HOME FROM WORK!"





HE'S THE HEAD SURGEON HERE—HE'S BEEN PRACTICING FOR A LONG TIME!

MY WIFE MEANS EVERYTHING TO ME—I MUST KNOW THE TRUTH! SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU'RE HOLDING BACK—IN HEAVEN'S NAME, TELL ME—WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MENDER?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO—it's AGAINST ALL PROFESSIONAL ETHICS TO SAY ANYTHING AGAINST DR. MENDER—but I DON'T CARE! YOUR WIFE IS SUCH A SWEET GIRL! I DIDN'T SLEEP A WINK ALL NIGHT WORRYING ABOUT HER, AND THE OTHER NURSES ALL FEEL THE SAME WAY!! I'M BREAKING THE NURSES' CODE, AND VIOLATING MY OATH, FOR WHAT I'M GOING TO TELL YOU!

DR. MENDER STUDIED MEDICINE FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, AND HE'S FORTY-FIVE YEARS BEHIND THE TIMES! HE HASN'T TAKEN A SINGLE BRUSH-UP COURSE SINCE! IF HE DIDN'T OWN THIS HOSPITAL, I DOUBT IF HE'D BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE AT ALL—CERTAINLY NOT IN ANY REPUTABLE INSTITUTION!

GOOD HEAVENS—if THAT'S TRUE, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME BEFORE?



I JUST TOLD YOU WHY! I'M SORRY, BUT IT'S TRUE! THE WORST OF IT IS THAT HE'D RATHER OPERATE THAN EAT! THE GIRLS CALL HIM THE 'BUTCHER'! MANY TIMES HE'S ORDERED OPERATIONS WHEN THEY WERE WHOLLY UNNECESSARY!

WHAT ABOUT MY WIFE? WHAT SHOULD I DO?

THE OPERATION IS OVER, SO I'M AFRAID THERE ISN'T MUCH YOU CAN DO, EXCEPT HOPE AND PRAY THAT EVERYTHING WENT ALL RIGHT! IT WASN'T A COMPLEX OPERATION!

I'LL CALL IN ANOTHER DOCTOR—HOW ABOUT THAT—JUST IN CASE SOMETHING DEVELOPS! WHO IS THE BEST DOCTOR IN TOWN?



IN MY OPINION, DR. MCIVER IS THE BEST SURGEON ALIVE, BUT I DON'T THINK HE'D COME, THOUGH—not unless DR. MENDER WAS WILLING TO HAVE HIM! THIS MAY ALL BE UNNECESSARY! YOUR WIFE MAY HEAL UP FINE!

I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES! HOW CAN I REACH THIS MCIVER? WHAT'S HIS NUMBER?

HE'S LISTED IN THE PHONE BOOK! I WOULDN'T CALL FROM HERE, THOUGH! DR. MENDER MIGHT FIND OUT—AND PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE WHAT I TOLD YOU—I MAY BE BARRED FROM NURSING FOREVER, IF YOU DO!

OPERATOR—OPERATOR—WHAT'S WRONG?



I MUST
SPEAK TO
DR. MCIVER
AT ONCE!

DR. MCIVER
IS BUSY RIGHT
NOW! MAY I
TAKE A
MESSAGE?

NO! I MUST
SPEAK TO HIM
PERSONALLY! THIS
IS URGENT! IT'S
A MATTER OF
LIFE AND DEATH!
PLEASE!

DR. MCIVER, YOU MUST
HELP ME! MY WIFE HAS
JUST HAD AN OPERATION
AND THINGS DON'T SEEM
TO BE RIGHT! SHE...SHE
MAY NOT LIVE...UNLESS
YOU CAN COME
AND SEE HER!

HER NAME IS MRS. FRANCES
CHAPMAN—SHE'S AT ORCHID
HOSPITAL, ROOM 604!
DR. MENDER OPERATED
ON HER!

BUT IF DR.
MENDER IS HER
PHYSICIAN, WHY
DO YOU WANT
ME? DID HE
TELL YOU TO
CALL ME?

NO, HE DIDN'T—BUT I'LL
EXPLAIN IT TO HIM! PLEASE,
YOU'VE GOT TO HELP HER! I
KNOW THE OPERATION IS OVER,
BUT YOU MUST STAND BY,
IN CASE ANYTHING
GOES WRONG!

I JUST HEARD THAT
YOU WERE THE
BEST SURGEON AROUND!
NINE-THIRTY WILL BE FINE,
DOCTOR! SHE'S SLEEPING
NOW, ANYWAY! I
CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!
SEE YOU THEN!

AH, THERE
YOU ARE
JUST THE MAN
I'M LOOKING
FOR!

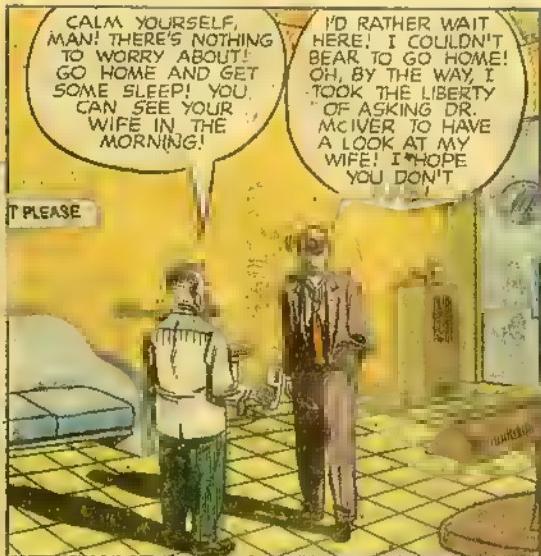
HOW IS SHE,
NOW? TELL
ME, DOCTOR.
HOW IS
SHE?

YOU CAN RELAX NOW, BOY—I NEVER
LOST A HUSBAND! HA, HA, EVERYTHING
WENT FINE—FINE! A VERY COMPLICATED
OPERATION, BUT SHE'S COMING
THROUGH FINE! NOW, ABOUT MY FEE—

I HEARD SHE
NEEDED A
TRANSFUSION!

WHO TOLD YOU THAT?
TRANSFUSIONS ARE
NOTHING! THEY'RE QUITE
USUAL IN SURGERIES!
SHE WAS ON THE
OPERATING TABLE
FOR QUITE A WHILE!
NOW ABOUT MY
FEE—THAT WILL
BE \$350!

SURE,
DOC!
I'LL SEND
YOU A CHECK!
RIGHT NOW,
ALL I CAN
THINK ABOUT
IS FRAN!



DR. MENDER, I'VE JUST BEEN TOLD THAT MY WIFE MUST HAVE ANOTHER OPERATION! CAN'T YOU DELAY IT UNTIL DR. MCIVER ARRIVES? HE'LL BE HERE AT NINE THIRTY!

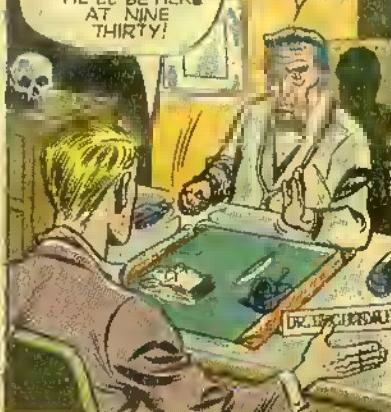
ABSOLUTELY NOT! AN HOUR'S DELAY MAY BE DANGEROUS! NATURE IS VERY UNKIND SOMETIMES!

BUT YOU TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT SHE WOULD BE ALL RIGHT!

SINCE THEN, A SLIGHT COMPLICATION HAS SET IN! IF I OPEN HER UP AT ONCE, SHE'LL NOT BE IN ANY DANGER! DON'T WORRY—I NEVER

SURELY, IT 'WOULDN'T HURT TO WAIT UNTIL NINE THIRTY—THAT'S ONLY AN HOUR AND A HALF! I BEG YOU TO WAIT! I...I DEMAND THAT YOU DO!

SIR—YOUR WIFE IS MY PATIENT! YOU PUT HER IN MY HANDS, AND IT'S UP TO ME TO DECIDE WHAT IS BEST FOR HER!



AS LONG AS I'M THE HEAD PHYSICIAN AT THIS HOSPITAL I'M THE ONE WHO MAKES THE MEDICAL DECISIONS—UNLESS YOU WANT HER MOVED TO ANOTHER HOSPITAL!

BUT DOCTOR—YOU KNOW THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IT WOULD KILL HER TO BE MOVED IN HER CONDITION!

THIS IS MR. CHAPMAN! HOW CAN I REACH DR. MCIVER! I MUST SPEAK TO HIM RIGHT AWAY! WE MUST GET HERE BY EIGHT THIRTY! IT'S VERY URGENT!



I CAN'T THINK OF ANY MORE WAYS OF STALLING HIM!

YES, DOCTOR!

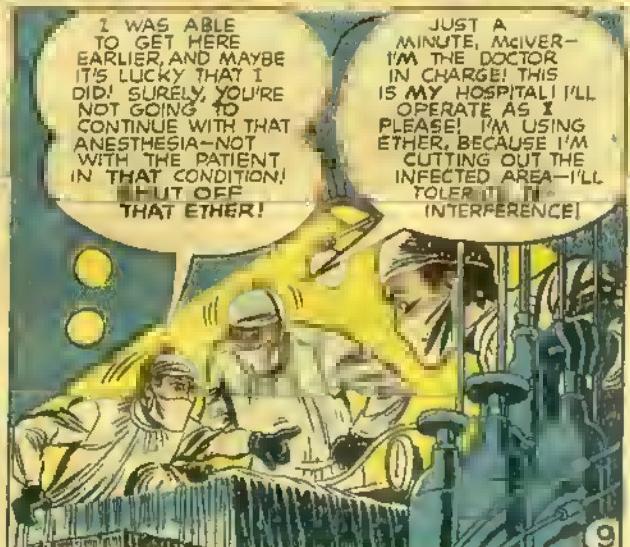
HEY, ISN'T THIS MRS. CHAPMAN? HOW IS SHE? DREADFULLY WEAK! DR. MENDER HAS ORDERED HER UP TO SURGERY AGAIN! POOR KID, SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS FROM PAIN! MENDER DOESN'T BELIEVE IN POST OPERATIVE SEDATIVES!

OPERAT ROOM

DID I SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A LOCAL ANESTHETIC! PUT THAT DOWN, YOU FOOL! SHE GETS ETHER!

ETHER? BUT DR. MENDER, THE PATIENT HAS A SEVERE RESPIRATORY INFECTION!

IT'S NINE O'CLOCK! WHERE IS HE? MAYBE HIS NURSE DIDN'T REACH HIM! RIGHT NOW, MENDER MAY BE CUTTING HER OPEN AGAIN!



WHAT YOU INTEND TO DO
CAN ONLY RESULT IN DEATH!
DOCTORS ARE MEANT TO
SAVE LIVES—NOT TAKE
THEM! YOUR REPUTATION
HAS NEVER BEEN GOOD,
BUT UNTIL NOW, I
NEVER REALIZED HOW
HOPELESSLY INEPT
YOU REALLY

NO WONDER MOST OF YOU PATIENTS
EITHER DIE OR BECOME HOPELESS
INVALIDS! THIS IS ONE PATIENT
THAT WON'T MEET THAT FATE—
SHE IS FAR TOO YOUNG A
GIRL! NOW, STEP ASIDE,
PLEASE—YOU'RE
BLOCKING THE
LIGHT! WHAT'S
HER SYSTOLIC
PRESSURE?

ALL RIGHT—THROW ME OUT—
BUT IF THE GIRL DIES, I'LL NOT
ONLY REPORT YOU TO THE
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, BUT
I'LL ALSO BRING CRIMINAL
CHARGES AGAINST YOU!
NOW, INTERN, FETCH
ME A BOX TO STAND
ON—THIS TABLE
IS TOO HIGH!

Y...YESSIR!

NO MORE
ANESTHETIC—THIS
WILL LAST—JUST
STAND BY!
NURSE, BRING ME
SULPHA—LOTS
OF IT!

S...SULPHA?
WE..AH..DR.
MENDER
DON'T BELIEVE IN IT!
WE DON'T HAVE
ANY!

WHAT—NO SULPHA?
WHAT KIND OF A
DOCTOR ARE YOU?
NURSE—FETCH ME MY
BAG, YOU'LL FIND
SOME IN THERE!
LET'S HAVE A
LITTLE MORE
LIGHT!

POOR GIRL—NO
WONDER THERE'S
INFECTION! I NEVER
SAW SUCH A BOTCHED
JOB! NO—I'M NOT
CUTTING OUT THE
AREA, INTERN! THERE'S
NO NEED TO GO IN
DEEP—JUST LET ME
HAVE A SMALL
FORCEPS!

HE SURE
KNOWS
WHAT HE'S
DOING!

IT'S AMAZING—
HE'S VIRTUALLY
ERASING DR. MENDER'S
CLUMSY WORK
BY MANIPULATING
THE TISSUES!

HE
HASN'T
OVERLOOKED
A SINGLE
THING! HE DOES
EVERYTHING
WITH SUCH
EASE!

THERE! THAT'LL
HEAL CLEAN!
NOW TAKE HER
DOWN TO HER
ROOM—GIVE PENICILLIN
EVERY THREE HOURS
AND INFUSION!

I'LL GIVE
FURTHER ORDERS
LATER!

YOU
HAVEN'T
HEARD THE
END OF THIS,
MCIVER! I'LL
HAVE YOU
THROWN OUT
OF THE
ASSOCIATION!

HOW IS
SHE, DR
MCIVER—
TELL
ME!

SHE'S
GOING TO
BE AS SOUND
AS A DOLLAR!
YOU CAN'T SEE
HER TILL
TONIGHT, BUT
TAKE MY WORD
FOR IT—YOUR
WIFE IS
SAFE!

OH, DOCTOR—
THANK YOU,
THANK YOU,
THANK YOU!!

HEY—PUT ME
DOWN, YOU
IMPETUOUS IDIOT!
SAVE YOUR
AFFECTIONS FOR
YOUR WIFE! I
JUST DID MY
JOB—THAT'S
ALL!

PLEASE NAME
YOUR FEE! WHATEVER
IT IS, I'LL DOUBLE
IT—I'D GO INTO
HOCK FOR YOU!
WHAT DO I
OWE YOU?

OH, STOP WORRYING
ABOUT THAT NOW!
I'LL SEND YOU A
BILL, BUT IT WON'T
BE TOO HIGH!
THERE'S NO RUSH
ABOUT PAYING IT,
ANYHOW!

YOUR WORRIES ARE OVER, MR.
CHAPMAN—SHE'S GOING TO BE
FINE! YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN
DR. MCIVER WORK—THAT MAN'S
AN ANGEL! HE'S A GOOD
THING IN A SMALL PACKAGE!
YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN
HIS FINGERS MOVE
LIKE LIGHTNING!

HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO EVER
CARED TO TELL MENDER OFF! BOY,
WAS HE WILD, BUT HE DIDN'T
DARE INTERFERE! OH, OH, HERE
HE COMES NOW! I MUSTN'T
LET HIM CATCH ME TALKING
TO YOU! COME BACK
TONIGHT, AND YOU
CAN SEE YOUR WIFE!

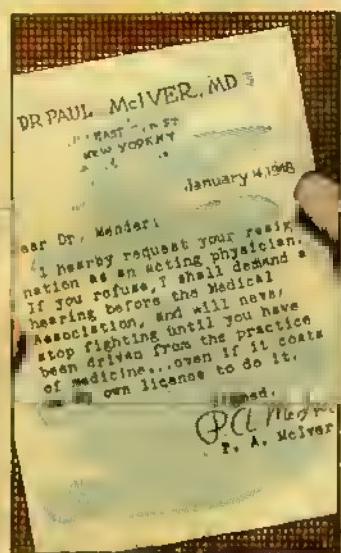
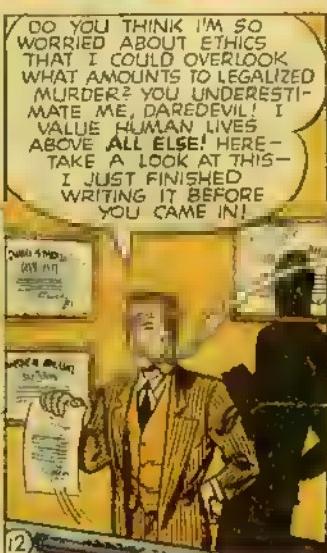
I'VE GOOD NEWS FOR
YOU, MY BOY! YOUR
WIFE'S IN FINE SHAPE!
YESSIR, WE DID A GOOD
JOB ON HER—MCIVER
AND MYSELF! I DIDN'T REALLY
NEED MCIVER, BUT I
LET HIM HAVE A HAND
IN IT—JUST TO PLEASE
YOU! SEE, I TOLD
YOU THERE'S NOTHING
TO WORRY ABOUT!

AND WHILE I THINK OF IT, LET
ME GIVE YOU SOME OF THIS SPECIAL
BLOOD TONIC TO GIVE YOUR
WIFE WHILE SHE'S CONVALESCING—
I MAKE IT MYSELF—WONDERFUL
STUFF—ONE TABLESPOON FULL
BEFORE EACH MEAL! RUN
ALONG NOW—I'LL KEEP AN
EYE ON HER! YOU CAN
SEE YOUR WIFE
TONIGHT, AT EIGHT!

THE OLD HUMBUG—
DARING TO TAKE
CREDIT FOR MCIVER'S
WORK! IF HE MADE
IT, I'D SOONER DRINK
POISON THAN
TOUCH THIS
STUFF!

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WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

FOR EACH LETTER PUBLISHED

Dear Reader:

In every issue of DAREDEVIL this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas and suggestions. Since the conception of DAREDEVIL, we have been guided by two ideals—first, the eradication of crime and, second, to give credit to the fearless detectives and officers of the law who daily risk their lives that you and we may live in a more lawful society.

CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors

My little boy has shown great interest in comic books, but I have to censor the pictures in most of the magazines. There is one book, though, that I never have to censor. When I return from the newsstand, I hand my boy the comic and say, "Here, Doug, is your monthly Daredevil." Thanks for every issue published.

Sincerely, Mrs. R. D. Simmons
21 Pickens St., Easley, South Carolina

People should be shown, and children are no exception, some of the evils in life, so that they may appreciate the good.

I have only read five Daredevil comics, but I think they are swell. Our group here in Tienstin, China, took vote for the most popular comic, and Daredevil had the honor of winning fifteen votes out of twenty. Boy and Crime Does Not Pay Comics took care of the remaining five votes.

Truly your fan, Nonna Matveief
2 Le Bookstore, 11 Pace Course Road,
Tienstin, China

Daredevil stands for good will toward all men around the world without regard to boundaries. Good sportsmanship and fair play are as honorable in China as they are in Brooklyn. Best wishes to your group.

I was glancing through Daredevil, when I suddenly realized the comic was terrific! The "What's On Your Mind" page interested me very much and gave me the idea of pen-pal correspondence. I would like to write to 13, 14, or 15-year old girls, since I am so interested in America and Americans. Please be kind enough to print this, so that I may learn more about your great country.

Respectfully yours, David Wartenberg
53 Chandos Road, Willesden Green,
London, N. W. 2, England

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At the present, I am the receptionist in the General Hospital in this town, and I have just finished reading some of your DAREDEVIL COMICS. I can't tell you how they arrived here, but I would like to express my thanks through you and tell you how much happiness they have brought to our patients.

Yours sincerely, Eileen Ward
104 Russell St., Loughborough, Leics., Eng.

It appears to us that it is more than our comics that bring pleasure to your patients.

In my estimation, DAREDEVIL and CRIME DOES NOT PAY comics are tops. I'm sure that if I had read your books before I got into trouble, I would not be in here now. Your magazines, more than anything else, have taught me that crime doesn't pay. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely, R. W., Maryland State Reformatory
Breadedsville, Md.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

I have read many American comics, but the best is DAREDEVIL. I like it because the plots seem so real. In Liverpool, American comics are liked very much, but the one we all go for is DAREDEVIL.

Yours truly, Peter Jukes
64 Clare Road, Bootle, Liverpool, England

Your country has produced some wonderful motion pictures. If you tried your hand at comics, we'd be in for lots of competition.

In No. 46 Daredevil, the Wise Guys built a swell tree house. Well, we followed their example and want to thank you for your wonderful idea. Boys! What a clubhouse! We also pledged ourselves to follow in the footsteps of the Wise Guys. We'll let you know if we succeed.

Speaking for our club, I thank you.

Donald Armstrong
9 Olive St., Revere, Mass.

The Wise Guys are honored—take it from me.
C. B.

ADVICE TO COMIC READERS FOR BAD SKIN

Stop Worrying Now About Pimples, Blackheads
And Other Externally Caused Skin Troubles
JUST FOLLOW SKIN DOCTOR'S SIMPLE DIRECTIONS

Have you ever stopped to realize that the leading screen stars whom you admire, as well as the beautiful models who have lovely, soft white skin, were all born just like you with a lovely smooth skin?

The truth is that many girls and women do not give their skin a chance to show off the natural beauty that lies hidden underneath those externally caused pimples, blackheads and irritations. For almost anyone can have the natural, normal complexion which is in itself beauty. All you have to do is follow a few amazingly simple rules.

Many women shut themselves out of the thrills of life — dates, romance, popularity, social and business success — only because sheer neglect has robbed them of the good looks, poise and feminine self-assurance which could so easily be theirs. Yes, everybody looks at your face. The beautiful complexion, which is yours for the asking, is like a permanent card of admission to all the good things of life that every woman craves. And it really can be yours — take my word for it! — no matter how discouraged you may be this very minute about those externally caused skin miseries.

Medical science gives us the truth about a lovely skin. There are small specks of dust and dirt in the air all the time. When these get into the open pores in your skin, they can in time cause the pores to become larger and more susceptible to dirt particles, dust and infection. These open pores begin to form blackheads which become in-

fected and bring you the humiliation of pimples, blackheads or other blemishes. When you neglect your skin by not giving it the necessary care, you leave yourself wide open to externally caused skin miseries. Yet proper attention with the double Viderm treatment may mean the difference between enjoying the confidence a fine skin gives you or the embarrassment of an ugly, unbeautiful skin that makes you want to hide your face.



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Incidentally, while your two jars and the doctor's directions are on their way to you, be sure to wash your face as often as necessary. First use warm water, then cleanse with water as cold as you can stand it, in order to freshen, stimulate and help close your pores. After you receive everything, read your directions carefully. Then go right to it and let these two fine formulas help your dreams of a beautiful skin come true.

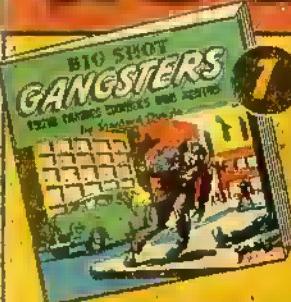
Just mail your name and address to Betty Memphis, care of the New York Skin Laboratory, 206 Division Street, Dept. 371, New York 2, N. Y. By return mail you will receive the doctor's directions, and both jars, packed in a safety-sealed carton. On delivery, pay two dollars plus postage. If you wish, you can save the postage fee by mailing the two dollars with your letter. If you are in any way dissatisfied, your money will be cheerfully refunded. To give you an idea of how fully tested and proven the Viderm double treatment is, it may interest you to know that, up to this month, over two hundred and twelve thousand women have ordered it on my recommendation. If you could only see the thousands of happy, grateful letters that have come to me as a result, you would know the joy this simple treatment can bring. And, think of it — the treatment must work for you, or it doesn't cost you a cent.



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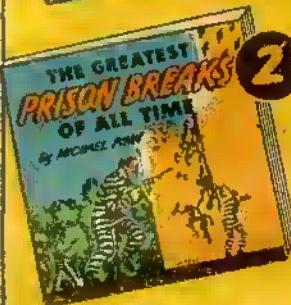
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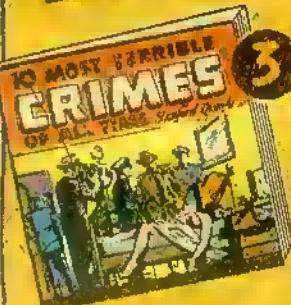
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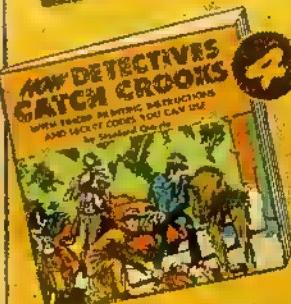
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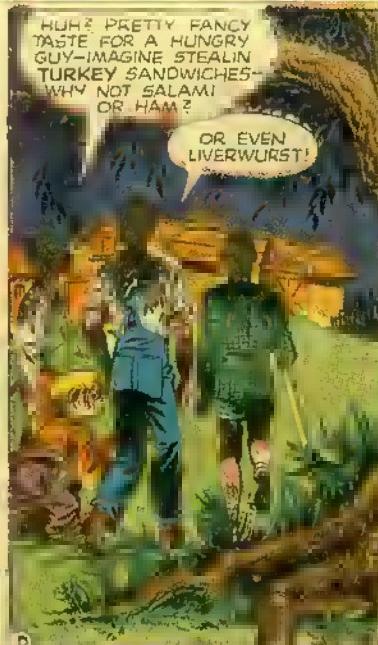
THIS STORY MAKES NO VISIBLE DENT IN MY WELL, BECAUSE IT WAS INSPIRED BY THE LIFE OF A CERTAIN PARTY WHO BELONGS TO THE BOTTOMLESS WELL OF HUMANITY!

Charles Biro

PLAYING ROLLER HOCKEY IS MY IDEA OF A BUSY AFTERNOON! IT SURE GIVES A GUY AN APPETITE!

SPEAKING OF EATIN' STUFF—HEY, SCARECROW, IT'S YOUR TURN TO COOK DINNER, ISN'T IT?





PLEASE DON'T TURN ME IN—
PLEASE! I WAS HUNGRY...
I HAD TO EAT! I'LL PAY
THAT MAN BACK—HONEST,
I WILL! AS SOON AS
I GET SOME MONEY...

WHAT'S
YOUR NAME?
WHERE ARE
YOU FROM?
HOW COME
YOU HAVE
TO STEAL
TO EAT?

M...MY NAME'S JOE
DOLAN! I...I JUST HIT
TOWN...I'M BROKE! I
DON'T STEAL—I JUST
BORROWED!

IN A PIG'S EYE!
YOU WEREN'T
HONEST ENOUGH
TO ASK FOR A
HANDOUT!

I, I WAS AFRAID
HE'D CALL THE
COPS AND HAVE
ME ARRESTED.
FOR VAGRANCY!
THEY'D HAVE SENT
ME BACK TO RE...
WELL, I JUST
DIDN'T WANT
TO GET
CAUGHT!



OF COURSE, THEY DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING ON HER! THEY SEARCHED ME AND FOUND TWO STOLEN COMPACTS! BEFORE I COULD OPEN MY MOUTH, SHE WAILED, "OH, JOEY, HOW COULD YOU? YOU STOLE THOSE!"



SHE DID? GOSH—WHAT A LOUSY TRICK TO PULL ON HER OWN BROTHER!

JEOPERS! THEN WHAT HAPPENED?

WHY DIDN'T YOU DENY IT? YOUR WORD WAS AS GOOD AS HERS!



I TRIED, BUT WHEN THEY WENT TO OUR ROOMING HOUSE AND FOUND MORE THINGS, THEY BLAMED IT ALL ON ME! I KEPT SAYING I WAS INNOCENT, BUT THEY WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME, SPECIALLY WITH HER FAKIN' BIG CROCODILE TEARS AND CRYIN' "JOEY, WHY DID YOU DO IT?"



THEN CAME REFORM SCHOOL! IT WAS BAD ENOUGH BEING THERE, BUT KNOWIN' YOU'RE INNOCENT MAKES IT A HUNDRED TIMES WORSE! I HAD TO BREAK OUT, OR I'D HAVE GONE OUT OF MY MIND!



YOU'RE IN A TOUGH SPOT! WHAT'S YOUR PLAN, NOW?

I'M GOING TO FIND THAT DOUBLE-CROSSING SISTER OF MINE AN' MAKE HER CONFESS, IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!

BOY, I DON'T BLAME YOU! IF SHE WAS MY OWN SISTER, I'D SURE PIN HER EARS BACK!

IT PROVES WHAT I ALWAYS SAID—WOMEN ARE POISON!



I'D THINK IT OVER CAREFULLY, JOE! IT SEEMS TO ME YOU'RE GETTING DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO TROUBLE—BREAKING OUT OF REFORM SCHOOL IS ANOTHER STRIKE AGAINST YOU!



MAYBE YOU'RE AFRAID I'LL GET YOU IN TROUBLE BY HIDING OUT HERE! YOU NEEDN'T WORRY—I'LL SHOVE ALONG!

DON'T BE CRAZY—it's LATE, AND YOU'VE NO PLACE TO GO! WE HAVE AN EXTRA BUNK—AND YOU'RE WELCOME TO IT!



THAT'S SWELL OF YOU, BUT I CAN'T PUT YOU OUT LIKE THIS! YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH FOR ME ALREADY!

LISTEN TO HIM—DON'T BE COY, JOE! THERE'S THE BUNK—it's EMPTY, SO TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF AND FLOP—I THINK WE CAN ALL STAND SOME SLEEP.

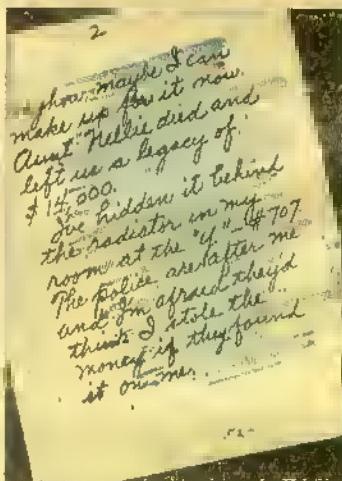
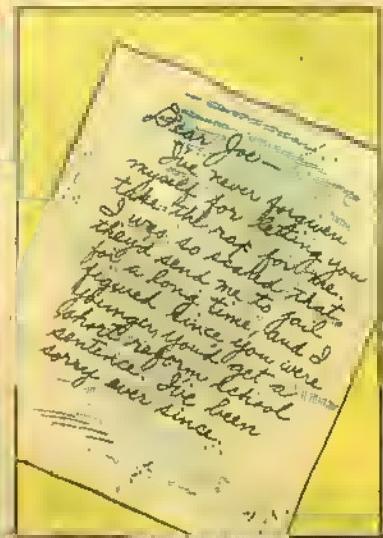


LOOK, FELLOWS, IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU, I'D RATHER SLEEP OUTSIDE IN THE SHED. HONEST, I WOULD. JUST LET ME BORROW THESE BLANKETS.

I THINK YOU'RE NUTS, BUT OKAY—if THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT! YOU'D BE LOTS MORE COMFORTABLE IN THAT SPARE BED, THOUGH!















EVERY PENNY—
I'LL PUT IT IN THE
BANK IN A TRUST
ACCOUNT FOR YOU, UNTIL
WE CAN CLEAR UP
THAT SHOPLIFTING
CHARGE—AND NOW
COMES THE REALLY
HARD PART...

I WANT
YOU TO GO
BACK TO
REFORM
SCHOOL!

GO
BACK??
OH, NO!!

GEE,
DAREDEVIL,
CAN'T YOU
PROVE'
JOE IS
INNOCENT,
WITHOUT
HAVING HER
GO BACK?

MAYBE—BUT I BELIEVE
IT WOULD BE BETTER
FOR JOSEPHINE! IT'LL
PROVE TO THE
AUTHORITIES THAT
SHE'S CONFIDENT OF
HER EVENTUAL
VINDICATION!



IT'S NOT AN
EASY THING TO
DO, BUT IF YOU
KNOW WITHIN
YOURSELF THAT
YOU'RE INNOCENT,
YOU'LL WIN OUT—
YOU'VE GOT TO
TRUST ME! WILL
YOU DO IT,

EVER SINCE MY
OWN SISTER
DOUBLE-
CROSSED ME, IT'S
BEEN HARD FOR
ME TO TRUST ANYONE...

...THAT IS...
UNTIL I MET
THE WISE GUYS!
IF THEY TRUST
YOU, SO WILL
I! I'LL GO
BACK!

GOOD GIRL—
I PROMISE
IT WON'T
BE FOR
LONG!

WE'LL USE JOCK'S CAR
AND DRIVE JOE TO THE
SCHOOL LATER THIS
AFTERNOON! A COUPLE
MORE HOURS OF
FREEDOM WON'T
HURT—OKAY?

FINE—THEN I CAN
GET RIGHT TO WORK!
NOW TRY NOT TO
WORRY TOO MUCH
ABOUT IT, JOE!
I'LL KEEP YOU
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DAGGER OF DEATH

A CRIMEBUSTER STORY

THE long room was lined on every side with gleaming glass showcases, all of which glowed from within and were lit by cleverly concealed, indirect lighting. Backed by soft red and deep black satins, the thousands of art treasures gave ample proof of both the exquisite taste and the wealth of the man who owned them, J. Walter Thom.

To put it more correctly, we must say, the man who *had* owned them. For portly, white-haired J. Walter Thom lay dead in the center of the floor, a crimson splash of blood staining the snowy white of his dress shirt.

"It looks as if you have a tough case on your hands, Inspector," said Crimebuster, as the business-like group of fingerprint experts, photographers and detectives filed out of the room with their equipment.

Police Inspector Crandall passed a weary hand over his face, and glared at the smashed showcase nearest to the body. "You said a mouthful," he answered. "No fingerprints, no witnesses—nothing but the fact that he was killed with his own famous Daroglio Dagger, which is the only thing missing!"

"If you want my guess," said Crimebuster, "Thom was killed by another art collector. One of those fanatics who'll stop at nothing to get a treasure he feels he must have."

"Sure, sure," said Crandall. "Only there are thousands of art collectors!"

Crimebuster glanced around the room. "Here's an angle, though. None of the other valuable things have been touched. Suppose we assume that the killer was interested only in the dagger. You know, there are people whose interest is not in the intrinsic beauty of an object, but in its power—in this case, the power of death held by the dagger. Now, that narrows it down a bit!"

"Okay," answered Crandall. "So we'll go question all the art dealers, and ask them if they love daggers because daggers are made to kill! Hah!"

"Daggers, daggers," mused Crimebuster. "I know somebody somewhere—of course! Listen, Crandall, a friend of mine, George Coffey, owns the Angelico Dagger, and it's just as famous as the Daroglio! Now, look, I've got a plan, but you'll have to arrange the details—"

The next afternoon, as Crimebuster entered Police Headquarters, Crandall waved a copy of the daily paper at him. "I got it in, all right,"

he said, "it's all here, right beside the story of Thom's murder. Jack Elliot wrote a feature story about famous daggers, and gave plenty of space to the Angelico—even mentioned your friend Coffey and his address!"

"I know," answered Crimebuster. "George has been fine about it. He's been bothered all day by calls from collectors who want to buy the thing, but he's willing to play along. I'll be at his house tonight, and I think our little plan will work. Now, here's what you do—"

Late that night, Crimebuster sat in the big living room of George Coffey's home, holding the Angelico Dagger in his hands. "It's beautiful, all right," he mused, staring at the slender, gleaming blade. "Old Angelico was certainly an artist. And from the looks of this thing, he was a humanist, too."

Crimebuster sat up straight, and placed the dagger in its case, as the doorbell rang. The butler could be heard answering it. "It's getting late," muttered Crimebuster. "I hope we haven't guessed wrong."

The butler appeared in the hall doorway. "Another art collector, sir. Shall I inform him that the dagger is not for sale?"

"Yes, Johnson," answered Crimebuster. "But remember—memorize and tell me exactly what the man says."

A moment later the butler was back. "This one refuses to leave, sir. He says that he knows the dagger is not for sale, but that he absolutely must see you."

Crimebuster rose. "Show him in, Johnson—this may be my boy!"

The man who appeared in the doorway was tall, muscular in a lanky way, and slightly stooped. His small bright eyes gleamed out from under bushy brows at Crimebuster, as he advanced, his hand outstretched.

"Mr. Coffey?" Crimebuster inclined his head slightly, and the man spoke hurriedly, eagerly. "My name is Luther Kandler. I'm an art collector. I—I must say I'm surprised to find you so young. We collectors are usually older men."

Crimebuster motioned toward a chair. "Sit down, Mr. Kandler. Frankly, I don't know why I decided to see you, unless it's because I'm rather lonely tonight, after hiding all day from other collectors like yourself. You know, of course, that the dagger is absolutely not for sale?"

Kandler nodded wisely. "Of course! I assure you, I know the fascination such a treasure can have on its owner—far above any monetary consideration. I have come only to ask a small favor of you. Would you—could you possibly let me see the Angelico?"

Crimebuster smiled. "I think so. But first, would you care for some coffee, or a brandy, perhaps?"

Kandler twisted his hands together nervously. "No, no—thank you, but I must hurry! If I may just see the dagger?"

Crimebuster rose, letting Kandler see the dagger case in his hands. Kandler leaned forward tensely. "Johnson! Oh, Johnson," called Crimebuster. When the butler appeared, Crimebuster said, "I let the others go some time ago, Johnson, and I don't care to answer any more doorbells tonight. You may have the evening off, too!"

Kandler sat staring at the little case in Crimebuster's hands, only the flicker of his eyes indicating that he had noticed the brief appearance of the butler.

Crimebuster stepped to Kandler's side, opened the flat case, and placed it in Kandler's shaking hands.

For a moment, Kandler merely stared, and Crimebuster smiled slightly at the man's expression of utter, possessive greed. Then, without taking his eyes from the dagger, Kandler reached a fluttering hand towards it, and muttered, "May I—take it from the case?"

"Of course," answered Crimebuster quietly.

Kandler lifted the shining blade gently from its case, and stared at it silently for a full minute. Then his burning eyes turned slowly to Crimebuster.

"I know the value in money of this—this priceless treasure," he said slowly. "And I am prepared to offer you exactly three times that amount—in cash!"

Crimebuster shrugged, and settled down in his chair. "I'm sorry, Kandler—but I thought you understood. The dagger is not for sale!"

Kandler frowned, and glared at the slouching boy in front of him. "I will make you one last offer, Mr. Coffey! I have some—some other objects which I can sell, and I simply must have this dagger! I will give you five times the price of the blade! And I warn you—you would do well to agree!"

Crimebuster pretended to consider the offer. As he sat lost in thought, he watched Kandler's face grow slowly dark and forbidden, the tension rising in him as the moments ticked by.

Finally, Crimebuster spoke. "That's a very tempting offer, Mr. Kandler. But as you have already said, both of us know the fascination, the, shall we say power, felt by the possessor of

that dagger. I'm afraid I can't bring myself to part with it!"

Kandler leaped to his feet, the blood raging in his face and the dagger clasped in his hand. He took several swift steps, and leaned over to glare down at Crimebuster.

"Don't play games with me, you young fool," he shouted. "Of course I know the power inherent in this dagger! Why do you think I offered you a fortune for it?"

Crimebuster squirmed in his chair, simulating a look of fear, and tried to speak placatingly. "Take it easy, Mr. Kandler," he said nervously. "There must be other beautiful daggers in the world! Why, you could buy some of the finest art objects known for less than you offered me!"

Kandler grasped Crimebuster's shirt front with his free hand, and waved the slim, wicked blade under his nose. His voice rasped hoarsely as he spoke.

"I already have other daggers," he said, "and I am not afraid to use them! They belong to me, as this one does, because I alone use them as they were intended to be used! They are instruments of destruction, and they must taste blood—as this one is about to taste yours! I am not afraid to kill for this treasure—"

"The way you killed Thom for his Daroglio Dagger?" Crimebuster's voice was sharp.

"Yes!" With his strangled shout, Kandler smashed the gleaming blade to its hilt into Crimebuster's chest!

Suddenly the room was a bedlam. A hoarse voice screamed, "Murderer! Killer!" And Crandall, followed by several men, dashed from a hiding place behind a line of heavy curtains. Crandall's face was black with rage as he rushed towards Kandler.

But Crandall was too late. Kandler suddenly screamed in terror, and straightened up like a bent spring. A split second later, there was a sharp crack of bone on bone, and Kandler hit the floor with a thud, unconscious before he landed.

Crimebuster stood scowling down at him. "Sorry, Crandall," he said. "I know that wasn't necessary, but I couldn't help it! The man has the heart of a snake!"

A few minutes later, as Crandall's men turned to the door and carried the half-unconscious Kandler away, Crandall picked up the dagger and wonderingly pushed its spring blade, watching it sink out of sight into the hilt.

Crimebuster grinned. "Tricky, isn't it? Just think, if Kandler had been a real student of art, instead of merely being interested in weapons of destruction, he'd have known that old Angelico loved the human race—and made sure that his beautiful dagger could never kill!"

THE END

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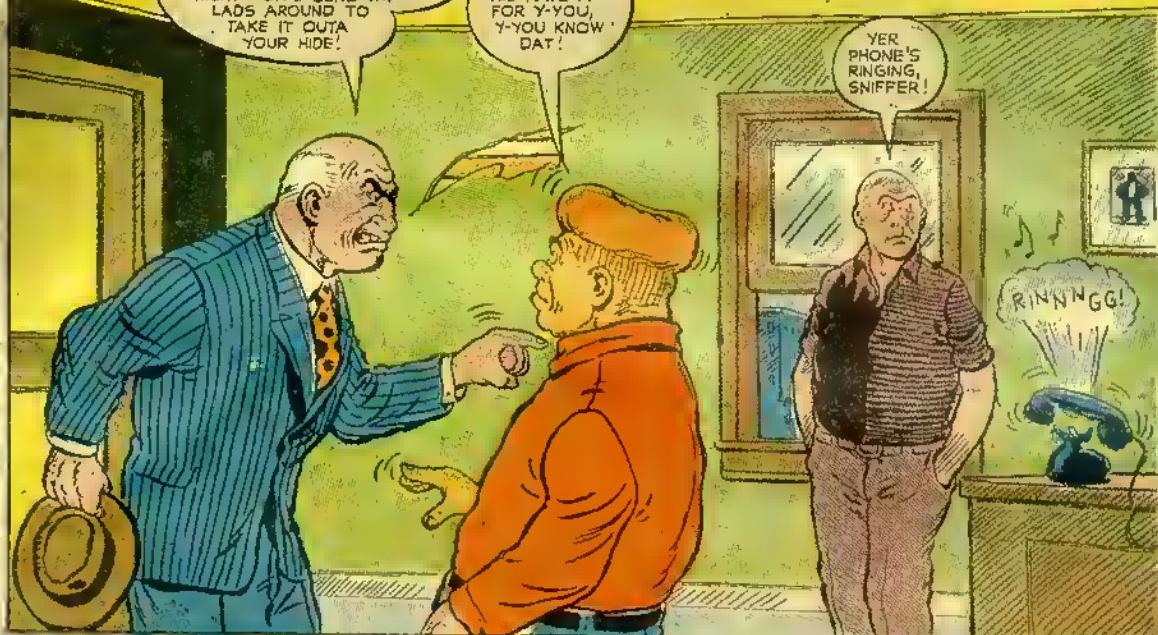
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HELLO SNIFFER. THIS IS BIG NICK TALKING!

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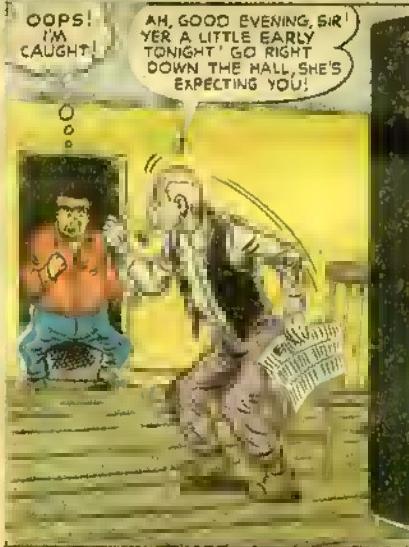


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GOOD! YOU'LL HAVE TA CASE HIM OUT YOURSELF, BUT BE CAREFUL! HE IS GENERALLY VERY WELL RODDED UP!

BIG NICK TELLS ME DIS CHICAGO LOOIE IS ACQUAINTED WITH A BABE NAMED CAMILLE STEIN-SCHLEIFER WHO ACTS AT LINSKY'S THEATER! SO I WILL NOW TRY TA PRY SOME INFORMATION OUTTA DIS DOLL!

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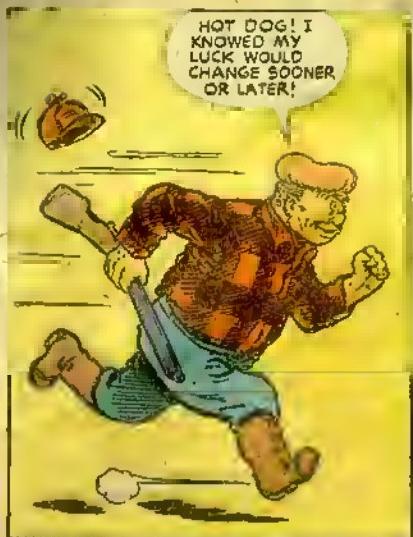


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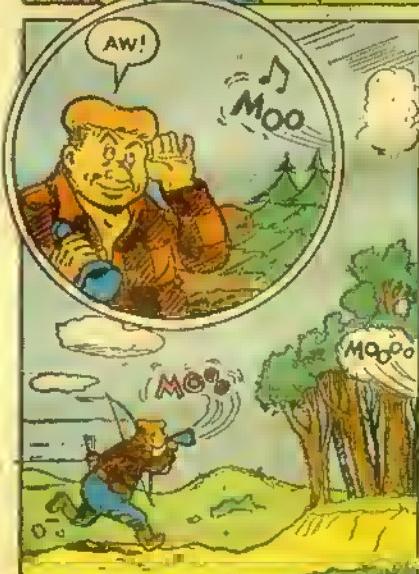




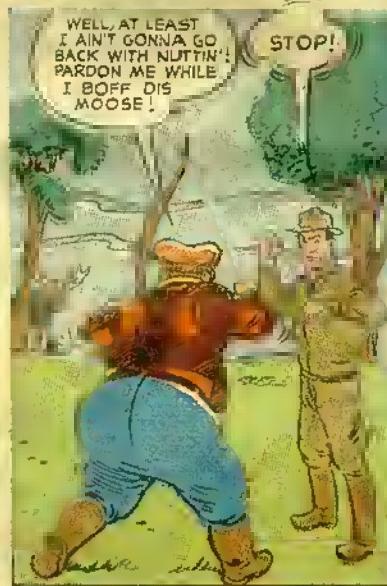


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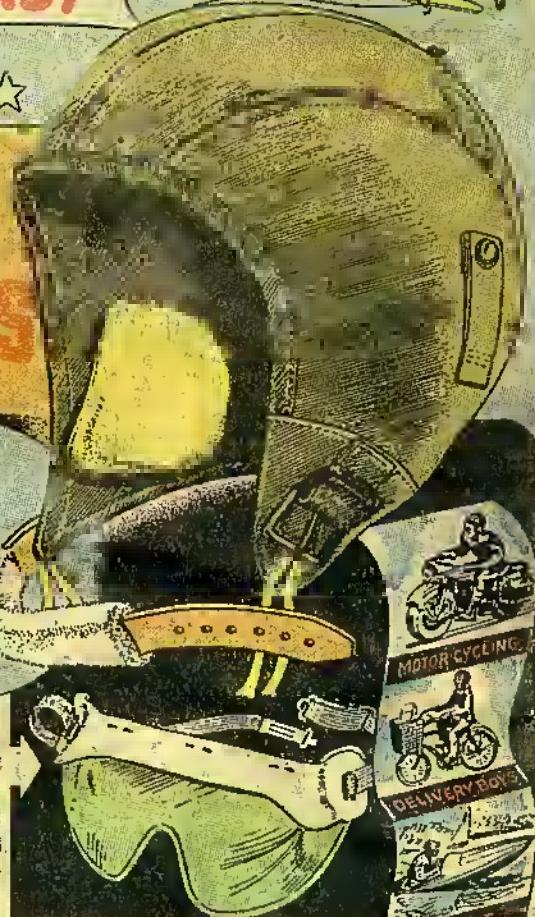
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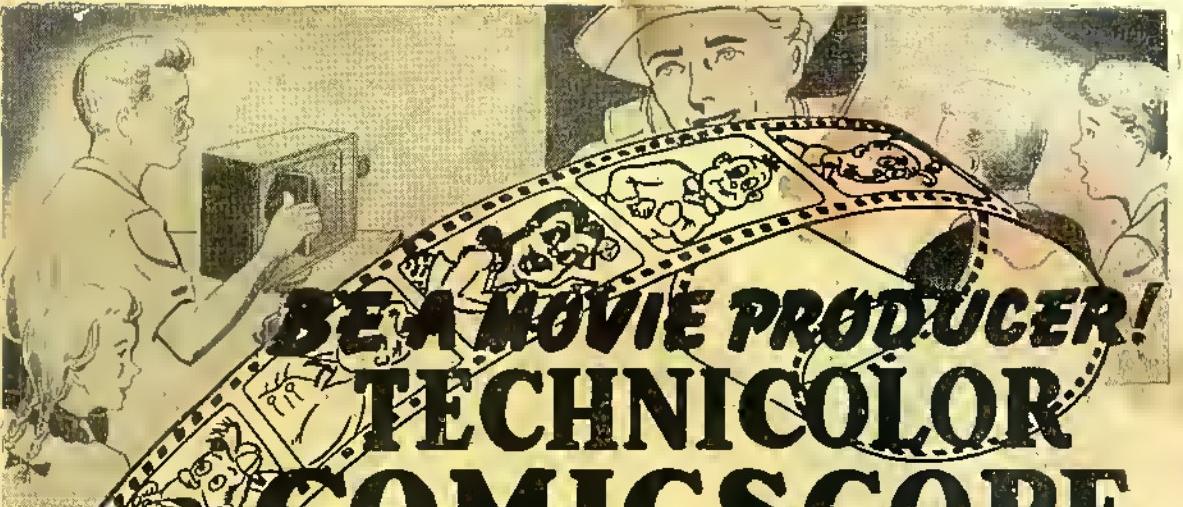
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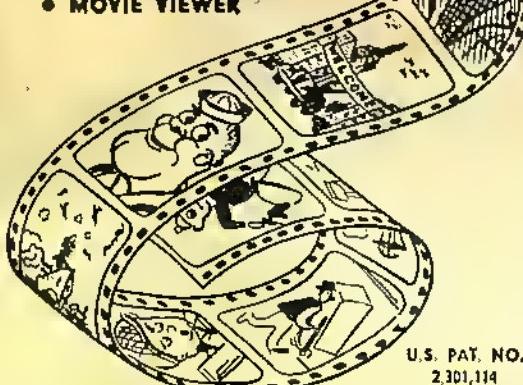
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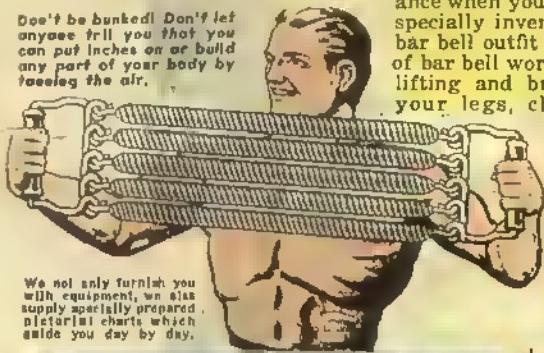
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